

PROJECT FACT SHEET

LITTLE BEAVERKILL HABITAT RESTORATION

March 2005

CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Clinton (NY), Sen. Schumer (NY), Rep. Hinchey (NY-22)

AUTHORITY: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 as amended.

LOCATION: The study area is located in the Village of Livingston Manor, Town of Rockland in Sullivan County.

STUDY/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The NYSDEC Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources has requested Corps of Engineers assistance in restoring the stream. The Little Beaverkill, a formerly valued cold-water stream, has been damaged by thermal degradation caused by borrow pits adjacent to the channel warming stream waters in the summer which adversely affect the productivity of this trout stream.

STUDY/PROJECT STATUS: The study area was investigated and an initial evaluation completed. A Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) has been developed which proposes restoration at a cost of approximately \$2.4 million, which will significantly improve the aquatic environment by stream and riparian restoration. The PRP is being reviewed by Higher Authority and if approved, a \$200,000 Feasibility Study will be initiated in FY2006, which will investigate and evaluate alternatives, develop detailed plans for several alternatives and prepare and coordinate an environmental assessment. Due to the nationwide demand for limited program funds, full funding may not be possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: An environmental assessment will need to be prepared.

SPONSOR: New York State DEC, Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

CRITICAL ISSUES: None

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